



**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Executive Director's Report
January 6, 2010**

The next AWIB meeting is scheduled for February 22nd and 23rd in Juneau at Centennial Hall. The draft agenda will be reviewed and finalized by the Executive Committee at the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 12th. Once the agenda is finalized staff will begin making all necessary arrangements.

The draft agenda includes an update on the Healthcare Workforce Development Plan, briefings from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, a Gasline Training Strategic Plan update, a statewide CTE Plan update, an RTC/RAC update, time allocated for review of proposed STEP regulations, and the vocational administrator/instructor of the year awards. Nominations are open for the secondary and postsecondary vocational training instructor/administrator of the year awards through January 15, 2010. All nominations for the awards must come from business and industry.

Chris Gregg, Marty Anderson, Louise Dean, and I participated in the Kenai Job Center Recertification which was completed on December 3rd. All were very impressed with the operation of the Job Center and the professionalism of staff who deliver services to the Kenai region. I would like to thank Diana Spann and her staff for their assistance with the tour and overview of the Kenai Job Center.

A Career and Technical Education (CTE) Work Group meeting is scheduled for January 7th and 8th in Anchorage. Commissioners Bishop and LeDoux, representatives from secondary and postsecondary education, the AWIB Chair, and the State Board of Education Chair will be participating in the meeting to begin the development of a statewide CTE plan. The purpose of the meeting is to develop recommended strategies for the Alaska Career and Technical Education Plan, develop key action steps and a timeline, identify process and timelines for monitoring progress of the State CTE Plan, identify the mission of CTE within Alaska's Education and Workforce Development systems, and review the status of new and ongoing CTE initiatives and partnerships. An update from the meeting will be provided at the February AWIB meeting.

Committees

- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m.

- The next Workforce Readiness and Employment Placement Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20th at 3:00 p.m.
- The next Policy and Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28th at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Assessment and Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th at 3:00 p.m.
- The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Important Dates

- The Training Program Performance Report is due to the Legislature by February 19, 2010.
- The next AWIB meeting is scheduled for February 22nd and 23rd, 2010 in Juneau.
- The next AGIA Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for February 24th in Juneau.
- Public Official Financial Disclosure Forms are due to APOC by March 15, 2010.
- The Apprenticeship Conference is scheduled for April 28, 2010 in Anchorage.
- The May AWIB meeting date has been set for May 3rd and 4th, 2010.
- The Alaska Strategic State Plan for Title 1 of WIA and the Wagner-Peyser Act is due to the U.S. Department of Labor prior to the expiration of the current Plan on June 30, 2010.
- The WIA Annual Report is due to the U.S. Department of Labor October 1, 2010.
- The October AWIB meeting date has been set for October 25th and 26th, 2010.